

PRIZES AT RMIT

At the annual Alumni and Prize Giving Dinner for graduates of RMIT's Department of Information Services, Miss Margaret Cameron, now Chief Librarian Pro-Vice Chancellor of Deakin University, gave a very enjoyable after-dinner address to recent and not so recent graduates and staff. In her address, Margaret Cameron spoke of the importance of professional commitment, the values of libraries and librarians and of her recent appointment as Pro-Vice Chancellor. Miss Cameron chaired the Department's Course Advisory Committee from 1981-1985—a period of significant developments in education for library and information work. During the dinner, five prizes were awarded to six graduates. The Borchardt Prize for outstanding contribution to Australian bibliography was shared between Jan Swinburne and Beverly Hore. Jan Swinburne completed a guide to resources on the social aspects of the 1930s depression in Australia, while Beverly Hore's study was a detailed analysis of the literature of Cornish settlement in Australia from 1788-1900.

The Fabinyi Prizes for excellence in written work were presented to Denise Balint (Undergraduate course) and Alison Newman (Graduate Diploma course). Two Staff Prizes were awarded to students who exhibit both excellence in academic studies and the potential to make a significant contribution to library and information work. The Staff Prizes for 1985 went to Kerry Abrahams (Undergraduate course) and Jan Swinburne (Graduate Diploma course).

At the same function, the Jean Hagger Librarianship Research Support Fund for 1986 was awarded to lecturer Kerry Grosser for work she is undertaking on stress amongst librarians. The former Head of the Department, Miss Jean Hagger, continues to generously support the research activities of the department's current staff.

COMPUTERS IN LIBRARIES LATEST ACS — INITIATIVE

The Australian Computer Society has recently announced the formation of a special interest group called Computers in Libraries (CIL) headed by Mr Pepe Schwegler (Stirling Council) and Ms Jane Klobas (Murdoch University). The group was formed to enhance awareness of computer and associated technologies amongst the library and data processing community.

Regular meetings are planned which will enable interested members and non members share and enhance their knowledge in this exciting area of high technology.

The formation of CIL — SIG has followed the success of similar groups sponsored by the Australian Computer Society.

The first branch meeting will be held at the Alexander Library Theatre 5.30pm on 16 July 1986. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Further details can be obtained from the Group Secretary Mr John Conway at the State Library Board on 427 3324.

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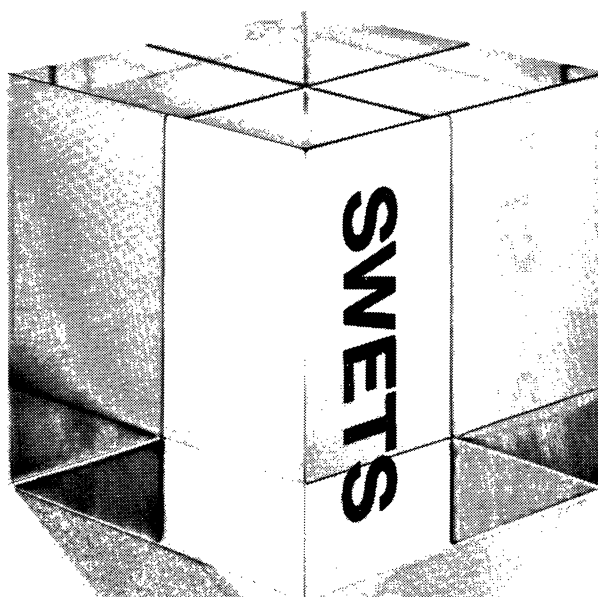
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